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GOT APPREHENSIVE OVER APRIL 24 ARMENIAN COMMEMORATIVE  
CEREMONIES

1. SUMMARY: FONMINISTRY IS WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE  
VIOLENCE AGAINST TURKISH DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTAB-  
LISHMENTS ABROAD ON APRIL 24, WHEN ARMENAINS WILL  
HOLD COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES, IN ASKING EMBASSY  
TO CONVEY THESE WORRIES TO WASHINGTON, MINISTRY  
STRESSED SENSITIVE STATE OF TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION ON  
SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

2. MORNING APRIL 23, AYKAC, ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT FONMINISTRY, CALLED IN CHARGE  
FOR DISCUSSION ARMENIAN APRIL 24 COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES.  
HE NOTED SEVERAL TIMES IN COURSE HIS REMARKS THAT HE WAS  
REFLECTING IMPORTANCE PLACED BY FON MINISTER ON MATTER.  
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3. REMINDING CHARGE OF PREVIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM TURKISH SIDE, MOST RECENT OF WHICH, HE SAID, WAS APPROACH BY ESENBEL TO DEPARTMENT APRIL 21, AYKAC BESOUGHT EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING MAXIMUM POLICE PROTECTION FOR TURKISH ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONNEL IN US. HE ALSO EXPRESSED FEAR LEST DEMONSTRATIONS OF ANY KIND GET OUT OF HAND AND LEAD TO VIOLENCE, AND HINTED DEMONSTRATIONS SHOULD BE PREVENTED. HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO EXPRESIONS OF CONCERN RECEIVED BY MINISTRY FROM TURKDEL UN IN NEW YORK. AYKAC SAID TURKISH PUBLIC WAS OBSERVING SITUATION CLOSELY AND WAS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ON SUBJECT. TURKISH PEOPLE WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND FAILURE OF USG TO GIVE COMPLETE PROTECTION TO AN ALLY, NOR WHY USG SHOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ARMENIAN SENTIMENT IN DEALING WITH MATTER.

4. AS EVIDENCE OF FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION, AYKAC SHOWED US COPY OF TODAY'S SMALL- CIRCULATION, SENSATIONAL DAILY, " EKSPRES", WHICH FRONT- PAGED ALARMIST STORY OF ARMENIAN PREPARATIONS FOR APRIL 24 IN BEIRUT, WHERE INFLAMMATORY PLACARDS WERE BEING POSTED, HANDBILLS DISTRIBUTED, STUDENT ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED, ALL THIS IN ABSENCE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND IN ATMOSPHERE ALREADY SUPERHEATED BY LATEST ARAB- ISRAELI DEVELOPMENTS.

5. RESPONDING, WE EMPHASIZED USG CONCERN FOR PROTECTION OF TURKISH PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN US, REVIEWING DILLON TRIP TO LOS ANGELES. WE POINTED OUT THAT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS COULD PROBABLY NOT BE PREVENTED, BUT EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT WITH ADEQUATE POLICING, THEY COULD BE STOPPED FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND. WE ASSURED AYKAC THAT WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT TURKISH CONCERNS TO WASHINGTON AND FELT CERTAIN WASHINGTON WOULD DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PROVIDE COMPLETE PROTECTION FOR TURKS. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, AYKAC SAID GOT DID NOT FOR THE MOMENT PLAN A PRESS STATEMENT.

6. COMMENT: SEEMS CLEAR THAT TURKS ARE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR APRIL 24. THEIR DEMARCHE TO US, WHILE IT SHOULD BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE AS REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION, PROBABLY ALSO REFLECTS WISH TO BE ABLE SHOW TURKISH  
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PUBLIC THAT GOT LEFT NOTHING UNDONE IN EVENT VIOLENCE DOES OCCUR.

7. IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED OUR 2819, WE BELIEVE SPECIAL PROTECTIONS WOULD BE WISE, ESPECIALLY ON APRIL 24. TURKS ARE SERVING CLEAR NOTICE THEY WILL HOLD USG RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING UNTOWARD THAT MIGHT OCCUR.  
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